DIGGING IN CULEBRA

Much Real Work Being Done on the Panama Canal.

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE DELAY

More Men Needed to Make Substantial Headway-Stevens Is Good Engineer, but Inefficient in Handling Men-Much Expected from President's Visit-What Is Being Done.

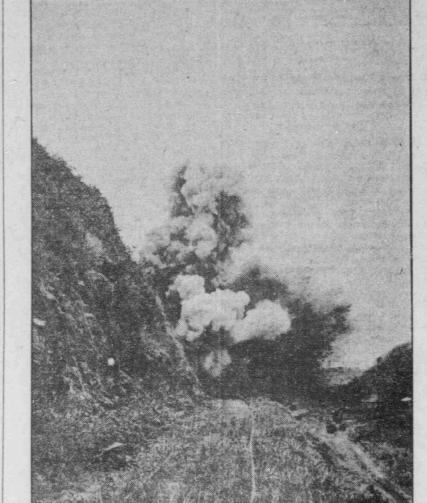
Correspondence of The Washington Herald.

Panama, Oct. 26.-In connection with the Panama Canal, the average American's interest is confined almost entirely to the question of whether or not any actual progress is being made in practical construction. The sanitation of the isthmus is accepted as an accomplished fact, and with reason, for health conditions in the Canal Zone are as nearly perfect as any one could desire or expect. It is in the matter of real dirt moving that we are all interested.

Answering, then, this question of paramount importance, it may be said by one who has spent the last ten months on the isthmus that a large amount of actual canal construction is being carried on to-day. Culebra, Gorgona, and Pedro Miguel are the scenes of the heaviest operations. Although the rains have been almost incessant since the middle of last April, the steam-shovel work has at no time entirely ceased. To any one acquainted with the nature of a tropical "winter," this in itself is decided victory, particularly in the face of predictions by old isthmus dwellers, who with one accord had de clared canal operations impossible during

this period. During the wet season the new-made earth dumps become so saturated with rain that work upon them is at most times out of the question. Dirt trains are constantly being derailed and ditched on account of the ground yielding beneath their weight. At times an entire embankment gives way, pitching a long when at the first jerk of his engine the work in the ditch. tracks would tremble, an avalanche of new ground would leave the ties suspended in midair, and his plight was re-

week after week, and none denies that it has been effective. As one ponderous steam shovel followed another back and forth across the cut, tearing and bitforth across the cut, tearing and biting at its stoney old fac, the terrible gashes inflicted have been an inspiration and a stimulus to the faithful. At Culebra the day is often ushered in by a tion and a stimulus to the faithful. At comparatively low efficiency of the Jamaican negro as a laborer is fully apterrific cannonading. The hills tremble under the shock and windows rattle dangerously. Presently the thunder ceases, and a glance at the cut shows cause and a glance at the cut shows cause.



WHEN THE HILLS TREMBLE.

A Dynamite Blast on the Canal Route

Dry Season in January. There are many good reasons for most

of the delays that have occurred up to the present time, but these excuses will ly, oppose a Panama Canal.

It is to be hoped that President Roosevelt's coming visit to the isthmus may

train of dump cars down the hillside. I what has been said above, comparatively this plan Mr. Stevens would act in a have talked at night with a wet and weary dump-train engineer who had toiled in the downpour since 8 o'clock in carried every week, but this figure must the movining twing to get his trails of the carried every week, but this figure must the movining twing to get his trails of the carried every week, but this figure must the movining twing to get his trails of the carried every week, but this figure must the movining twing to get his trails of the carried every week, but this figure must the movining twing to get his trails of the carried every week. the morning trying to get his train off the dumps. On the first trip out in the morning his train lost the tracks. After morning his train lost the tracks. After hours of labor he would be ready to start, department. Any change means more de-lay, and delay is the watchword of those forces which still actively, though secret-

Yet the struggle has been continued with the dry season, which starts about than a superficial knowledge of conditions devotees of this principle have ruled when the Duke of Modena tried to sell the

times, and all good Americans rejoice that its accomplishment rests with them. and a glance at the cut shows cause and result. A score of drillings had been made along the ledge in front of a shovel stopped yesterday by a rock a shovel stopped yesterday by a rock a shovel stopped yesterday by a rock as shovel yesterday by a rock as shovely shovel yesterday by a We share the hope of all who understand conditions on the isthmus that President Roosevelt's coming visit to Panama may result in the utmost good. -

To Sketch Our Fortifications Is No Penal Offense.

There will be no international complias a result of the arrest in Manlla, P. I., under the law, as the other religions did, of a young Japanese officer, who had on December 14 would forfeit its \$80,000,made sketches of the fortifications there. 600 of property and thereafter would live Unlike the continental powers of Europe, the United States has no law making it a penal offense for a person to make draw- persecution of the faithful. The churches, ings of its fortifications, and, while diplomatic representations will unquestionably be made to Japan, and the Japanese officer deported, the matter will minister said, had been achieved. be allowed to drop without reaching a

it 4s considered equally certain that Japan will deny all knowledge of his doings, and will express the most profound regret that one of her officers should, "without warrant from his government," transgress in such an unfriendly way by attempting to obtain information as to the defenses of the Philippines. Explanations of this character under such cirnumstances are customary, and even the United States in the past has been called upon to make them when its officers have een detected in similar acts.

United States proceeds on an entirely different principle in such matters from Minister Haldane came to the conclusion. are now placed upon visitors observing the fortifications of this country, the idea being to make them impregnable and just a little better than any other fortificutions in the world.

DENY PLAN TO RAISE PAY.

Pennsylvania Officials Declare Announcement was Premature.

Philadelphia, Nov. 3.-An official state- natural instincts.' ment was issued to-night from the office of President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, stating that an article in a morning newspaper announcing that a 10 His Remark Derogatory of Monroe per cent increase would be granted its employes on January 1 is very mislead-

No such increase has been decided upon, and if any is made it will be of a horified at once whenever any action is de-

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just issued its annual book of Winter Excursions. It contains 200 pages, in which routes and rates to all the winter resorts of the East, South, and West are given, together with the attractions of the resorts and lists of the principal should.

TURN ON LIBERALS

London Borough Electors Rebuke Their Policy.

MEANS UNIONIST AWAKENING

Moderates Also Secure Sweeping Victories in Lancashire, Blackburn, and Liverpool-Labor-Socialist Candidates Everywhere Sustain Serious Setback in Elections.

London, Nov. 3.-The sweeping nature of the Moderates' victory in the London borough elections is in itself sufficient to arouse general interest even here in that very neglected quantity-municipal politics-but the elections which have just closed are accorded peculiar importance inasmuch as the Unionists generally claim that they show the clearest signs of a Unionist awakening in many parts

To appreciate the extent of the sweeping change in London, a few figures will be necessary. Three years ago, with a Unionist government in power, and with London represented in the House of Commons almost entirely by Unionists, out of twenty-eight London boroughs seventeen turned Progressive or Liberals, for the elections run on party lines.

Desert Liberal Party Generally. To-day, with the Liberal party newly arrived in power and unprecedented strength, out of London's twenty-eight poroughs only two, certainly, and one doubtfully, remain to the Liberals. In a few others they form a respectable minority; in most they have practically the ship exceeding the displacement of gathering of the kind since the close of UNITE ON WIRELESS ceased to exist

East, West, North, and South all tell SUES AUSTRALIAN ARCHDUKE. CANCELS MIDVALE CONTRACT. the same story. The poor and rich populations, the business and leisure classes alike, have abandoned the Liberal party in these elections. In the borough elec tions in the provinces there were similar results. In Lancashire the conservasistance of many Liberal churchmen, swept the polls on the education question. In Liverpool, Biackburn, and nearly all the Lancashire towns, there were Union-

Labor Candidates Get Setback.

against the Labor Socialist candidates. London's protest, indeed, seems certainly to have been made against what the municipal reformers, as the Unionist-Moderates now style themselves, call I want the cardinal

ing the hope that the House of Lords will of £12,800. chancellor of the exchequer, that the gov ernment would remain firm on the edu- Longevity Hignest Where Least Atcation bill, force the government either to drop the bill or appeal to the country.

CHURCH FORFEITS \$80,000,000. Catholic Property in France to Be

Taken Over by the State.

Paris, Nov. 3.-The minister of public instruction and worship, M. Briand, today announced in an authorized interew that the government did not the state.

The Catholic Church having simply decations between this country and Japan clined to take advantage of its privilege,

under the common law.

There would be neither martyrdom no

The concordat was at an end, the state more serious stage.

It was explained at the War Department yesterday that there is no such thing as a spy in time of peace. While no one doubts that the Japanese officer was in the Philippines sketching fortifications under orders from his government, favors to none.

> NURSES BARRED FROM DANCES. Military Hospital Employes May

Attend Operas and Theaters. London, Nov. 3 .- In the intervals of the Secretary of War Haldane had to settle

hard task of reforming the British army, the question whether the nurses at the Provides for the Survey of Alaskan-Netley Military Hospital may go to Even had the Japanese officer managed dances. The champion of the nurses in to make his drawings without detection, the House of Commons asked why milities declared at the War Department tary nurses should be on a different footthere would be practically no objection to ing in regard to amusement from offi-signed at Washington, was issued here

European governments. No restrictions that occasional attendance at operas, from giving full attention to their pa-

The day after he announced this conusion, in reply to a further question, Mr. Haldine confessed that the "weight of authority of an experienced matron whom he had consulted had prevailed over his

WANT BURGESS RECALLED.

Doctrine Arouses Americans.

in the American colony with a view of se- Wright, the American Ambassador and curing the recall of Prof. Burgess, who is the dean of the diplomatic corps, made way through the debris. Nothing less the contractor will solve many problems than enthusiasm is inspired at the sight of one of these machines at work. One of these machines at work. One the isthmus and in Washington, John F. delivering lectures in the Berlin Uniagitaion is owing to the indignation affairs. Employes and the public will be notiture of Prof. Burgess, that the Monroe Doctrine was superannuated.

Cablegrams have been sent to Secremark of Prof. Burgess has worked and will work irreparable injury to the United States, and is likely to seriously trouble winter the friendly relations of America and

The belief is expressed in some quarters that if Prof. Burgess remains in Berlin he

Biggest Battle Ship for Japan, London, Nov. 3.-The Daily Telegraph says it is reported that Japan has deDRESS WELL ON CREDIT. -

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Battle Ships Made in Europe.

Rome, Nov. 3 .- Alarmed by the storm

was embarrassed by threats of litigation

AUTOS KILL FOUR IN LONDON.

Motor Vehicles,

has issued a statement showing that the

number of acidents caused by vehicles

in September was 3,658. These accidents

POPE SEES SAXONY'S RULER.

King of Saxony were discussed and his

23.851 KILLED IN JUNGLE.

Nov. 3.-The home secretary

bility come from the Krupps.

the Dreadnaught by 3,000 tons. the Russo-Japanese war.

Future Emperor Cited to Defend Italy Will Have Armor Plate for Civil Suit in Courts of Rome, Rome, Nov. 3 .- The future Emperor of

Austria, Archduke Francis Ferdinand of of protests against the letting of a contive Catholic vote, combined with the as- Este, has been cited to appear in the tract to the Midvale Steel Company, of Recommendation Made by Ameri-Roman law courts on December 12 in Philadelphia, for armor plate for the connection with the famous villa d'Este Italian navy, the ministry of marine has at Tivoli, built in the middle of the six- decided to cancel the agreement. teenth century by Cardinal d'Este, the Besides the popular outcry the ministry son of Lucretia Borgia.

During the succeeding centuries the by the Krupps, who accuse the Midvale splendid villa was allowed to fall into Company of infringing on their patents. partial ruin. In 1859 Cardinal Hohenloe, struck by its beauty and magnificence, obtained permission from the then owner, the last Duke of Modena, to use the villa said to be in no position actually to furas long as he lived, on conditon that he undertook to pay the expense of repair-

however, was not soid. The cardinal is dead and his heir is suing the archduke, The Unionists are now loudly express- who has inherited the villa, for the sum within the metropolitan police district

PUTS POSER TO SCIENTISTS.

tention Is Paid to Hygiene. London, Nov. 3 .- A writer in an after-

noon paper asks experts on sanitation to xplain why longevity in Europe reaches he highest point in countries which pay he least attention to hygiene.

The highest percentage of centenarians Disposition of Crown Princess is found not in Great Britain, Germany, and Switzerland, but in the Balkan States. Rome, Nov. 3.—The Pope to-day gave a specially marked copy was sent to the special control of the special copy was sent to the special copy wa Bulgaria leads with a total of 3,800 out long private audience to the King of Sax- Marconi company with the compliments of a population of 3,800,000. Roumania and ony and his bride, Mary Immaculata, of the department. the Catholic Church as being in revolt against the law providing for the separa
of a population of seconds. Return the control of seconds. Return the tion of the church and state, or against ain 146, Germany 55, and Switzerland not

holiness evinced considerable interest in the fate of Monica Pia, the youngest Taking account of the past and present daughter of the Crown Princess Louise, the King's former wife. The Pope said nistory of the Balkan territories, one can nardly attribute the longevity to the that if the daughter was unwilling to take placid life they lead, the veil when she reached the proper age

LONDON CROWDS CURIOUS.

Rare Sight of Woman Having Shoes Shined Blocks Traffic.

London, Nov. 3.-A good example of how Many Human Lives in India. anything that is slightly removed from Bombay, Nov. 3.-The Times of India the normal will suffice to draw a crowd prints statistics relating to the destrucccurred on Fleet street yesterday.

India for the last year, Two thousand and fifty-four human beings are reported to have been killed main artery which connects the city with the West End.

The cause of the strange gathering was simply a womaz having her shoes pol-ished. It should be added that there was nothing in the slightest degree uncom mon in the appearance of the woman.

TREATY TEXT IS ISSUED.

Canadian Boundary.

London, Nov. 3 .- The text of the Alaskan boundary convention between Great The treaty referred to in the above

cable was signed in this city on April 21, 1906; it was ratified April 25, and made

DO HONOR TO MIKADO. Emperor's Fifty-fifth Birthday Cele-

brated with Brilliant Function. Tokyo, Nov. 3.-The Emperor's fiftyfifth birthday was celebrated to-day in an appropriate manner. The weather was delightful. His majesty, who was evidently in excellent health and spirits, attended the usual military review at noon and a banquet at the palace in the even-Berlin, Nov. 3.-An agitation is on foot ing. At the latter function Luke E. a congratulatory address to the throne.

There was a birthday ball later in the evening at the official residence of Vis-count Hayashi, the minister of foreign

> This was a brilliant function. It was attended by 2,000 leading Japanese and The mortality from snake bites decreased from 21,880 in the preceding year to 21,797 last year.

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cans at Berlin Conference, and Will Be Boon to All Nations.

the victory won by the American delegation to the wireless conference in Berlin, The contract will probably be let to the Italian Iron Works Company at as indicated by the press dispatches. The Ierni. The Italian concern, however, is demand of the American delegates that resolutions be adopted calling on all the governments to pass laws compelling all nish the plates, which will in all probavessels to transmit wireless messages to the nearest land station, regardless of what system is being used by the original sender, is approved, and it is gen-Few Accidents in Metropolis Due to erally believed the recommendation will

be followed out. The only obstacle heretofore has been the refusal of the Marconi company to enter into an amicable agreement to do this, but the adoption of international laws covering this matter will be a victory for the American government.

included all of which the police have Recently the Navy Department under taken notice. Personal injury resulted taken notice. Personal injury resulted in 968 cases. In this case 250 of the active wireless stations in the world, for cidents were caused by automobiles, the convenience of vessels. The Marconi motor omnibuses, and motor cycles, while company was asked for its stations and out of 38 fatalities motor vehicles were the signals for each. The request met with a refusal, the Marconi people claiming it was impossible for any other persons to read and carry their code.

The Navy Department went ahead, however, and succeeded in getting the code station signals for all the Marconi sta-

GIRLS HURT IN FIRE PANIC.

Seventy-five Make Dash for Narrow Stairway in Cleveland,

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 3 .- Panic-stricken, seventy-five girls made a dash for the three-foot stairway leading from the middle building when fire broke out to-day in the plant of the Manufacturers' Supply Company, on the third floor. Mattie Hudson and Harriet Jones were seriously Wild Animals and Snakes Take hurt, while a score of others were bruised.

WARSHIP EXPLOSION FATAL

tiveness of wild animals and snakes in One Killed and Many Hurt Aboard French Vessel Charles Martel.

Paris, Nov. 3 .- A submarine min beings are reported to have been killed caused a serious explosion on the battle as against 2,157 the preceding year. Of these 48 were killed by elephants, 153 by The quartermaster was killed and many wolves, 401 by leopards, and 786 by tigers, of the crew were injured.

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Rocks in Culebra Cut. bank. At dawn they were touched off, and, oh! the havoc. The face of the hill

Locks Save Digging.

same thing is repeated save on a smaller emphasized by the chief engineer in his scale. Eighty per cent of the digging of selection of subordinates to fill important the Panama Canal will be done between positions under his supervision these two last-named points, covering a distance of some twenty-five miles.

changed from one of mammoth excavating to one of mammoth dam construction.

Granting the feasibility of the Gatun dam, no reason remains why the engineer's promise of a completed canal within eight years should not be fulfilled. This, provided the work be gotten into full.

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Copies may be obtained free of charge of any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket agent. provided the work be gotten into full swing without further delay, and kept at full swing. For be it known that despite | So, therefore, all those desiring a quick-ly completed canal view with favor the letting of the work by contract. Under druggists, 2d and E sts. ne.

If the increased activity hoped for is no started from above. But the rocks have forthcoming, now that the time for it is been destroyed and the half human so ripe, then the advent of the contractor steam shovel, now released, munches its must be welcomed by all. The coming of way through the debris. Nothing less the contractor will solve many problems of one of these machines at works. The Islands and Included the Panama finds himself convinced that Culebra Cut Stevens, Chief Engineer of the Panama has found its match in the Bucyrus steam | Canal, is an eminent and capable engineer. That is conceeded by all who know That describes operations and difficul- by taste or qualifications, a capable exetles as they are at Culebra. At different cutor or manager of men. Few men in places along the line, north as far as Bas positions to judge clearly are of different Obispo and south to Pedro Miguel, the cpinion. That this is true is shown and

Stevens Not Good Boss.

There is no space here to deal with the

cided upon.

cursion Book.

It had been arranged that Prof. Burgess Few people realize how great was the saving in labor effected by the adoption of a lock canal in place of one at sea level. The main problem has been changed from one of mammoth exeavating to one of mammoth dam constructions. The solution of the commissary, and of the Cristobal division engineer, none of which has a reputation for efficiency that ing to one of mammoth dam constructions. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of the dinner is under the official auspices of Ambassador White and Consul General Mason, this arrangement had a construction of the planama Railroad, the work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of typical scenes in Florida and Southern long to one of mammoth dam constructions. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of typical scenes in Florida and Southern long to one of mammoth dam constructions. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of typical scenes in Florida and Southern long to one of mammoth dam constructions. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of typical scenes in Florida and Southern long to one of mammoth excavating the cristobal division engineer, none of the cristobal division engineer, none of the commissary, and of the cristobal division engineer, none of the cristobal division engineer, none of the cristobal division engineer, none of the cristobal division engineer. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of typical scenes in Florida and Southern long the division engineer. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of the cristobal division at Thanksgivian entities of the commissary and of the cristobal division engineer. The work is well illustrated by representative views, including a number of the cristobal division at Thanksgivian entitle the cristobal division at Thanksgivian entitle the cristobal division at Thanksgivian entitle the cris